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General

Employment of ex-army men in the Civil Service.

* 197 *Q.*—Subadar-Major S. A. NANJAPPA Bahadur: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state whether any arrangements have been made for the employment of ex-army soldiers and their sons of the lately disbanded Madras Pioneer Regiment in the Civil department as peons, etc.; if so, the number of persons entertained in each district during the period from 1st January 1933?

A.—The Government have issued instructions to all heads of departments that men prematurely discharged from the Madras Pioneers should be preferred to non-ex-army men in the matter of civil employment, provided they possess the prescribed qualifications and their employment is permissible under the Statutory Rules. As regards the employment of the sons of those so discharged, instructions have also been issued to all heads of departments that, other things being equal, the status of a candidate's family and his family connexions should be given due weight in the matter of selection.

The Government have no information as to how many of those discharged from the Madras Pioneers and their sons have secured appointments under Government.

Irrigation

Execution and cost of the Cauvery-Mettur Project.

* 198 *Q.*—Mr. A. HARISCHANDRUDU: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the actual dates on which the Mettur works were commenced and completed;

(*b*) what the total amount spent was on this for completion;

(*c*) how the Government met the expenditure on these works, i.e., whether from the Provincial revenues or otherwise;

(*d*) how many acres of land are brought under cultivation under this project;

(*e*) what the districts are that are benefited by the works;

(*f*) what the income estimated to be derived was from this project when the estimate was sanctioned; and

(*g*) what the income expected to be derived is in the first year?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The project works have not yet been completed. They were commenced in 1925.

(*c*) The expenditure up to 1932–33 was met from loans taken from the Provincial Loans Fund of the Government of India. The expenditure in the current year will be met partly from the unspent balance of loan taken for it during 1932–33 and partly from the Revenue balance.

(*d*) The project is to irrigate a new area of 301,000 acres in the Tanjore district.

(*e*) Besides the new delta in the Tanjore district, the irrigation channels in Salem, Trichinopoly, Tanjore and South Arcot districts depending for their supply on the Cauvery below the Mettur Dam will get an assured and steady supply.

(*f*) According to the Revenue Estimate of 1928 (when the Revised Estimate for the project was sanctioned) a net revenue of Rs. 55,53,967 was expected. According to the Revised Revenue forecast of December 1931 the net revenue is expected to be Rs. 57,12,866.

(*g*) The revenue originally expected in 1932–33 was Rs. 30,333 but the amount actually realized was Rs. 1,525.

Irrigation of the Pennar delta by the Tungabhadra waters.

* 199 *Q.*—Khan Bahadur YAHYA ALI SAHIB Bahadur: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received a report from the Engineering Department that it is feasible to bring the Tungabhadra water through the Kurnool-Cuddapah canal into the Pennar delta to help the delta ryots in the Nellore district in their earlier agricultural operations; and

(*b*) if so, whether they will be pleased to place the same on the table of the House?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) A copy of the Chief Engineer's report, dated the 27th July 1933, on the subject is placed on the table.[a]

Duties of Executive Engineers vis-à-vis the Irrigation Advisory Boards.

* 200 *Q.*—Mr. P. V. KRISHNAYYA CHOUDARI: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) what the delta areas are for which Irrigation Advisory Boards have been constituted;

(*b*) what the objects are with which these Boards were started;

(*c*) whether the Executive Engineer in each area is expected to attend all the meetings of the Board;

(*d*) whether the officer above mentioned is expected to send up subjects for discussion at the meetings of the Board;

(*e*) whether the Executive Engineers discharge these functions satisfactorily and without complaints from the members of the Irrigation Advisory Board; and

(*f*) whether the Executive Engineers consult the above Boards in all important matters concerning the interests and welfare of the ryots?

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[a] Printed as Appendix IV on pages 241–244 infra.